



April 13, 2012

The next completed section of **McEwen Drive will open** today at noon. City officials will mark the opening of Phase 3 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This phase includes the section of McEwen from Carothers Parkway to Cool Springs Blvd/Oxford Glen Drive. Read more here <http://www.franklinton.gov/index.aspx?page=25&recordid=1353&returnURL=%2findex.aspx> Two current projects which are also listed on the CIP Priority List are **Nichol Mill** and the widening of **Mack Hatcher**. The Nichol Mill project involves the realignment of Nichol Mill and the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Nichol Mill and Mallory Lane. **Nichol Mill opened Thursday**. Mack Hatcher Widening is a **TDOT project** and involves the section of Mack Hatcher from Franklin Road to Murfreesboro Road. Improvements include widening the roadway to four lanes, the addition of a multi-use path, and street lighting. This project is scheduled to be completed in 2014.

The City of Franklin is sponsoring its annual **Arbor/Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 21st at Pinkerton Park from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.** The purpose of the celebration is to promote



awareness and appreciation of trees as well as to commemorate Earth Day. This year's festivities will include the official dedication of a cherry blossom tree recently donated to the City by the Consulate-General of Japan. **Highlights of the event include free tree sapling giveaways; tree climbing demos (open for public participation); live entertainment by Conductor Jack; guided tours of Fort Granger; and a scavenger hunt.** Local vendors and community groups participating include Whole Foods; Sister Cities; Harpeth River Watershed; Keep Williamson Beautiful; and the City of Franklin Stormwater Division. Food and beverages are free

courtesy of Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Cooperation. For more information read this <http://www.franklinton.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1355&page=25>

April is National 911 Education Month, and this month, the **Franklin Police and Fire Departments encourage parents to teach children how to call 911** on different types of phones. In days of old, you simply picked up the receiver, heard a dial tone, and dialed the number. That's not the case anymore. With the evolution of wireless phones, children need to be taught how to dial out on traditional landline phones as well as how to call 911 and then press 'talk' or 'send' to connect on non-traditional phones. Without that last but crucial step of pushing talk or send, they will not be connected to the help that they, or you, need. Read more here <http://www.franklinton.gov/index.aspx?recordid=1352&page=25>

City of Franklin Mayor Ken Moore will focus on Franklin's future at the 2012 "State of the City" address at Liberty Hall in The Factory at Franklin, on April 25 at 7:45 a.m. Doors will open at 7:00 a.m. and a light breakfast will be available. The theme of this year's **Franklin Friends,** playing off the popular



“Words with Friends” game. Mayor Moore will focus on long-term planning as well as discuss the City’s accomplishments in the last year, new technology, finances and more. News **Channel 5’s Rhori Johnston** will emcee and moderate a question and answer section at the end of the presentation. Thank you to the **many City Departments will also participate with information tables and booths.**



Don’t forget to enter the **“My Historic Franklin” photo contest.** Amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit high resolution photos cropped for a 5x5 display. The top 25 photos will be displayed at **Starbucks in Historic Downtown Franklin** on their magnetic photo wall in May. The City will also post all entries on the City of Franklin **Facebook** page and the new City **Pinterest** page at www.pinterest.com/cityoffranklin

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MIT’s Brandi Johnson is this week’s winner for the Mayor’s parking space. Milissa Reiersen nominated Brandi, she said, “I would like to nominate Brandi Johnson in MIT. She always gives professional service whenever we have an IT request, and she does so with a smile on her face and a great attitude. She also did a great job taking photos for the 2011 Christmas Breakfast. I believe she deserves the Mayor’s parking spot” Brandi can begin parking in the Mayor’s spot Monday, April 16. Nominate anyone you see doing a good job at agoodjob@franklinton.gov .

Have a great weekend. Thanks for all you do!

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